

A close-up photograph of a red tulip flower, showing the texture of the petals and the stem. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text is overlaid on the flower in a white, bold, sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right.

**Indeed, the body
does not consist
of one member
but of many.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:14

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
The Order of Worship
July 28, 2024

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Ministry Team, Rev. Gene Van Galder and Rev. Dan Herman

PRELUDE (Please allow the gift of music to help prepare you for worship.)

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" and "Cum Ba Ya"

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arr. Olive Nelson Russell

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG 22, stanzas 1 & 2** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above;
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of the unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.

Congregation: May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the Spirit.

Pastor: May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within. May our hearts receive the fullness of our faith.

**Congregation: From generation to generation, God's grace is abundant!
Amen.**

***INVOCATION**

Holy Spirit, meet us here. Find our spirits open and our hearts receptive to your word for us this day. With our songs and prayers, our witness and reflection, may we faithfully go where you call us to be. In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN 323** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

RECEIVING THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY no. 562 (in unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go—in the heavens above, or the earth and ocean below—to escape your loving care. Receive today the offering we make and bless our gifts, that they may be a blessing. May this offering reflect our sincerest hope that all may be filled with your fullness. In the name of the one who calls us, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Give Ear Unto Me"

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Benedetto Marcello

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Corinthians 12: 12-31

MESSAGE

"What is a Christian?," part 2
Rev. Gene Van Galder

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 307** "We Are Called"

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***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** Three-Fold Amen

POSTLUDE Sonata no. 6, Opus 45, Fugue and Chorale Felix Mendelssohn

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP— Join us for **Coffee after Church**: Stay for a bit and get to know one another better after church this morning!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching	Rev. Gene Van Galder
Liturgist.....	Rev. Dan Herman
Organist & Music Director.....	Max Yount

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